area. The reference of NDMC is only with respect to the applicability of the Development Control Norms in the LBZ area which are regulated by guidelines of 1988.

(c) The Department of Telecommunication has informed that demolition of any active cell phone towers will cause disruption of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) of the particular service provider in the area covered by the respective cell phone tower.

Increase in various charges in AIIMS

*20. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the charges for various tests, medicines and other services have been increased substantially in the AIIMS;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the grant given to AIIMS for research, medical facilities, salaries etc.;

(d) the details of the grant spent on the said purposes; and

(e) whether there is a proposal to establish more institutions like AIIMS in different parts of the country to meet requirements of the patients all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) With effect from 1.1.2003, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences have revised the charges for various Radio-diagnostic Investigations in the AIIMS hospital and centres attached to it. The increase in the fee had become necessary because the cost of consumables involved in those investigations had increased substantially in the last 10 years. While increasing the charges, efforts have been made to ensure that increases are kept at reasonable levels.

(c) and (d) The Institute has been provided grant-in-aid under the head Plan and Non-Plan. The details of the grant-in-aid received and the expenditure of the Institute during year 2002-2003 is as under:—

Grant-in-aid		Expenditure (in crores)
Plan	Rs. 125.81	Rs. 126.21
Non-Plan	Rs. 123.50	Rs. 183.14

Of the above, the expenditure on salaries is Rs. 128.09 crores. The remaining amount is spent on providing medical facilities, teaching and research. As far as research is concerned, expenditure is also met through extramural grants from national/international agencies like the DST, ICMR, UNICEF, WHO etc. A sum of nearly Rs. 18 to 23 crores every year is rasied through them for this purpose.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Trade with Countries of the Common-wealth of independent states

1. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have taken to enhance India's trade with the countries of the commonwealth of Independent States;

(b) whether it is a fact that a programme was launched on 1st April, 2003,

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have identified any bilateral interest and investment; and

(e) if so, the details of the areas of mutual interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Government of India has taken a number of steps to improve the trade with countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States which *inter-alia* include:

- promotion of dialogue including discussions at the highest level;
- constant review of bilateral trade at the Government level through Joint Commission/Sub-Group meetings.